

Remarks/Arguments

This case has been carefully reviewed and analyzed in view of the Office Action dated 8 March 2005. Responsive to that Office Action, Claim 3 is now cancelled, and Claim 1 is amended for further prosecution with the other pending Claims. With such amendment of Claims, there is a further clarification of the pending Claims' recitations.

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected Claims 1-2 and 4-5 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by the Nakaya, et al. reference. The Examiner merely objected to Claim 3, however, and indicated that this Claim would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base and any intervening Claims.

Accordingly, the subject matter of Claim 3 is now incorporated into independent Claim 1, with Claim 3 being cancelled. Such amendment of Claims is made in the interest of expediting prosecution of this case, given the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter. Such amendment of Claims is made, moreover, without addressing the merits of the Examiner's rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102.

It is now believed that Claims 1-2 and 4-5 are in allowable form. It is respectfully submitted, therefore, that the subject Patent Application has now been placed fully in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested.

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